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SUBJECT: MEETING OF U.S.-EGYPT JOINT WORKING GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (JWGTRD)

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1. U.S. SIDE IS PLEASED THAT FEB. 11-12 DATES ARE AGREEABLE TO GOE FOR CAIRO MEETING OF JWGTRD (REFTEL).
2. AT JANUARY 5 MEETING OF INTERAGENCY BILATERAL WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ITEMS FOR JWGTRD AGENDA WERE DISCUSSED. U.S. SIDE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS FOLLOWING TENTATIVE AGENDA TO GOE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION:

I. OPENING REMARKS BY CO-CHAIRMEN
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II. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- B. APPOINTMENT OF RAPORTEURS
- C. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

III. IMPROVING POLICY GUIDANCE AND COORDINATION WITHIN THE
JOINT WORKING GROUP

IV. APPOINTMENT AND CHARGE OF PANELS

V. PANEL EVALUATION OF ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND PLANNING
OF FUTURE COOPERATION

- A. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
- B. AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY
- C. ENERGY, STANDARDS AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

VI. FUTURE COOPERATION, INCLUDING PROPOSED NEW AREAS OF
COOPERATION

VII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. SIGNING OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF JOINT PRESS
RELEASE

3. WE SUGGEST AGENDA ITEMS I TO IV BE TAKEN UP IN AN
OPENING PLENARY SESSION WHICH NEED OCCUPY NOT MUCH MORE
THAN ONE HOUR OF THE FIRST MORNING. RE AGENDA III, AND
WITHOUT QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF THE FUNCTIONS STATE-
MENT IN THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1976 MEETING, WE WOULD
LIKE TO CONSIDER HOW THE JWGT RD COULD IMPROVE ITS PERFORM-
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ANCE IN POLICY GUIDANCE AND COORDINATION. WE BELIEVE, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT THE JWGT RD MIGHT REEXAMINE HOW IT SELECTS
PRIORITY AREAS FOR JOINT RESEARCH. ALSO, WOULD IT BE
DESIRABLE TO DEFINE PRIORITY AREAS MORE PRECISELY? ARE
PROCEDURES TO INSTITUTE JOINT PROJECTS MUTUALLY AGREED TO
AND KNOWN TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES? WOULD FISCAL AND
REPORTING STANDARDS BE USEFUL? IN THE AREA OF COORDINA-
TION, CAN THE JWGT RD DO MORE TO DISSEMINATE R&D INFORMA-
TION IMPORTANT FOR PROJECTS IT SPONSORS? ARE THESE PROJ-
ECTS SUFFICIENTLY COORDINATED WITH PROJECTS SPONSORED BY
OTHER ENTITIES?

4. FOR AGENDA ITEM V THE MEETING WOULD BREAK INTO THREE
PANELS WHICH WOULD MEET FOR THE REST OF THE FIRST DAY.
THE PANELS WOULD BE CHARGED WITH (1) REVIEWING PROGRESS OF
ONGOING PROGRAMS, (2) IDENTIFYING IMPEDIMENTS TO PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPING SUGGESTIONS FOR THEI,
ELIMINATION, (3) CONSIDERING HOW NEW PROJECTS MAY BEST BE
FUNDED, AND (4) RECOMMENDING NEW AR:AS OR NEW EMPHASES FOR
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH. RECOGNIZING THAT THE AMERICAN
DELEGATION WILL BE SPREAD THINLY, WE SUGGEST ONLY THREE
PANELS MEETING SIMULTANEOUSLY. WE ALSO SUGGEST SOME

SLIGHT REARRANGEMENT OF THE LAST MEETING'S PANELS IN ORDER

TO BALANCE THE BURDEN OF PANEL RESPONSIBILITIES. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST CONSIDERING ENERGY IN THE THIRD PANEL RATHER THAN THE SECOND. NO PANEL IS SUGGESTED FOR POLICY GUIDANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THE CO-CHAIRMEN CAN MEET ON THESE MATTERS AS NECESSARY. THE PANELS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSIONS BY THE END OF THE FIRST DAY. PANEL RAPORTEURS WOULD PREPARE REPORTS OF THE PANELS THAT EVENING AND DELIVER THEM FOR FIRST DRAFT TYPING FIRST THING THE SECOND DAY.

5. A SECOND PLENARY SESSION WOULD MEET ABOUT 11:00 A.M. OF THE SECOND DAY TO HEAR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANELS
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AND SHORT PRESENTATIONS ON AGREED NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION OR EMPHASIS. AS OF NOW, U.S. SIDE PLANS TO URGE NEW EMPHASIS ON METROLOGY. OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING, WOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

6. A THIRD, CLOSING PLENARY SESSION WOULD MEET ABOUT 4:00 P.M. OF THE SECOND DAY, AT WHICH THE AGREED MINUTES WOULD BE SIGNED AND THE JOINT PRESS RELEASE APPROVED.

7. WE BELIEVE THIS TENTATIVE AGENDA PROVIDES A MORE LOGICAL SEQUENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS THAN OUR AGENDA FOR THE LAST MEETING AND SHOULD ALSO PERMIT SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE WRITING, TYPING AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS. WE HOPE OUR EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUES AGREE. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK GOE CONCURRENCE ON TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED ABOVE AND INFORMATION ON SUBJECTS EGYPTIAN SIDE INTENDS TO BRING UP UNDER THE HEADING OF NEW AREAS OR NEW EMPHASES FOR COOPERATION.

8. NSF HAS GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO ASSIST IN LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS MEETING. ROGER DOYON OF NSF WILL BE ARRIVING IN CAIRO JANUARY 13 AND WILL BE CONSULTING WITH SCIATT RICHMOND ON THESE MATTERS. CHRISTOPHER

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